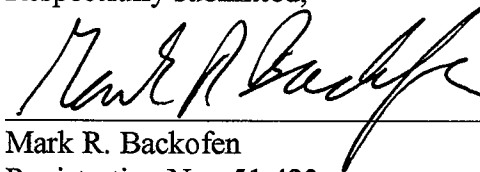


Remarks

Applicant appreciates the telephone call with the undersigned on February 2, 2007 regarding the advisory action issued in the current application. Applicant further appreciates the examiner's acknowledgement during the telephone call that the "alkyl benzene sulfonic acid" limitation added in the amendment after final was identical to the limitation contained in claim 6 of the application as filed and thus is not new matter. Applicant's understanding of the Examiner's position is that there can be a low molecular weight alkyl benzene sulfonic acid and thus the "alkyl benzene sulfonic acid" limitation contained in the amendment after final is broader than the "high molecular weigh sulfonic acid" limitation that it replaced. It was this broadening of the limitation that served as the basis for the Examiner to deny entry of the amendment after final despite the fact that the limitation added to independent claim 1 was previously found in original dependent claim 6. Consequently, applicant has submitted this request for continued examination so that the amendment after final will be entered and considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to the Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP deposit account no. 12-1781.

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